

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method, system and article of manufacture to virus scan input/output (I/O) traffic of a computer system. A virus scanner is initialized during a pre-boot phase of a computer system. Data read from an input/output (I/O) device of the
5 computer system is scrubbed by the virus scanner using a virus signature database before the data is loaded. A platform policy is enacted if a virus is detected in the data.